



DELAWARE'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Press Briefing
May 19, 2020

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Delaware Cases of COVID-19

8,037 positive cases

since first case confirmed on March 11, 2020

304 total deaths

3,760 recoveries

236 current hospitalizations

As of May 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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Delaware Cases of COVID-19



2,845
positive cases
*since first case confirmed on
March 11, 2020*

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1,238
positive cases
*since first case confirmed on
March 11, 2020*

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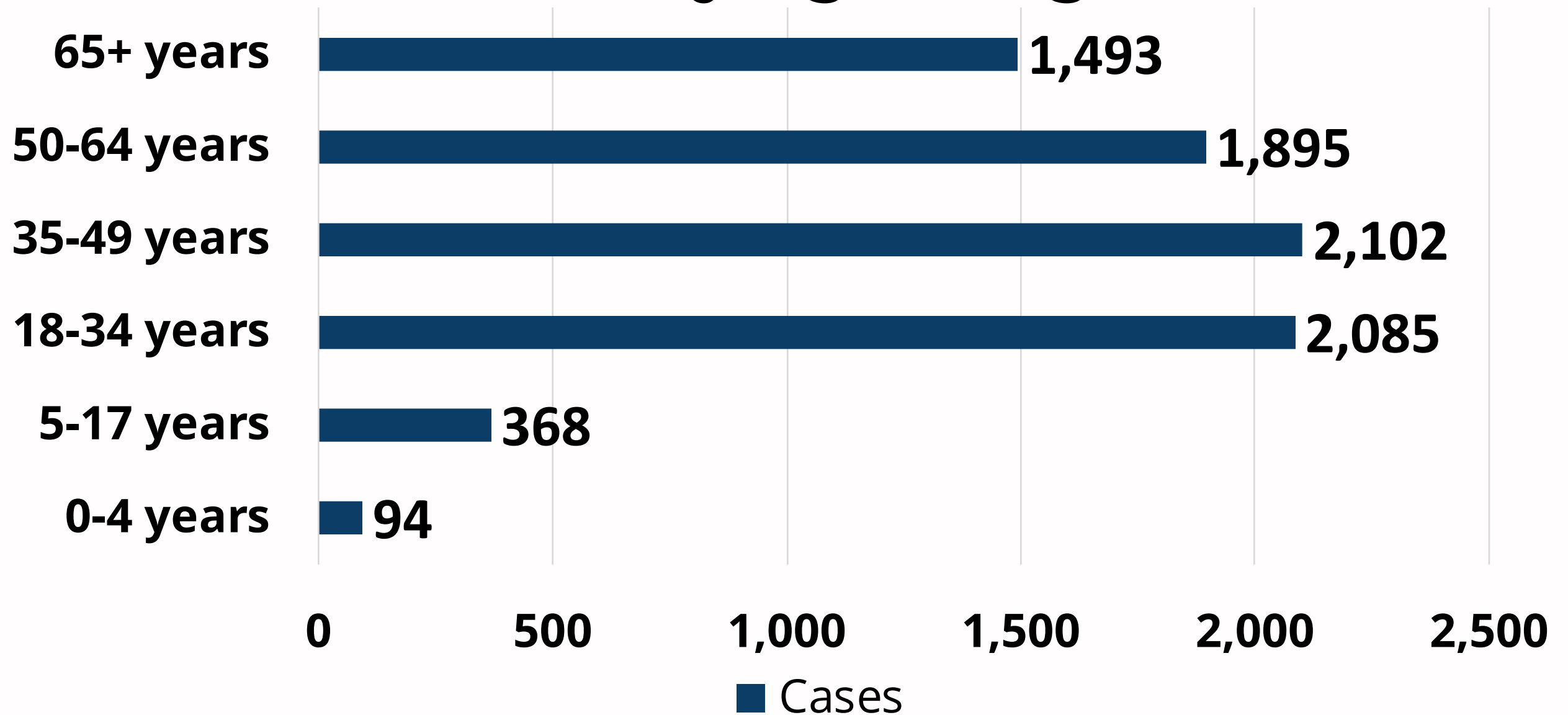
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positive cases
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Cases by Age Range

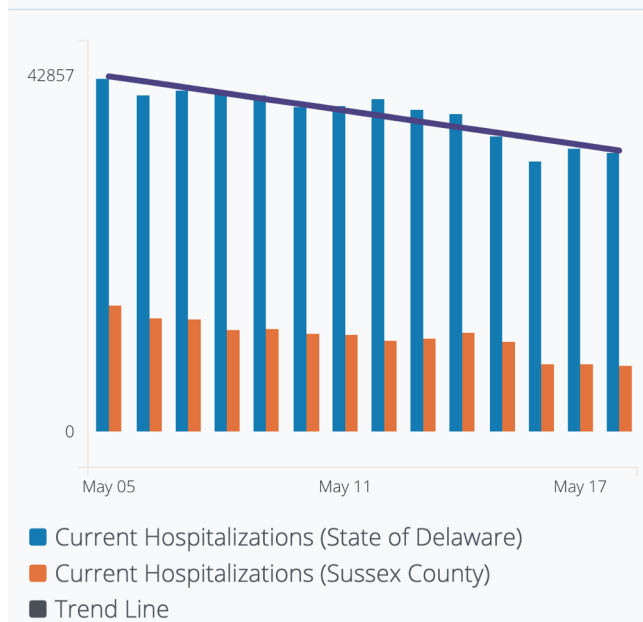


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COVID-19 Data Dashboard

Current Hospitalizations

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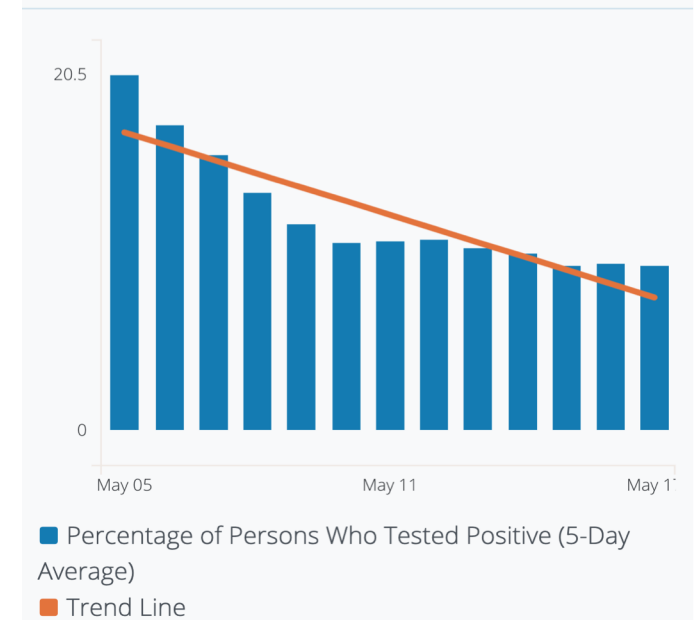
New Hospital Admissions (Confirmed and Suspected with COVID-19)

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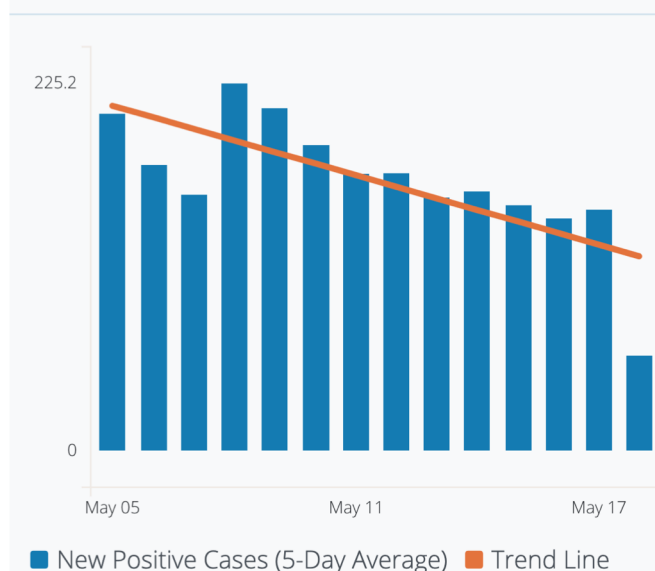
Percentage of Persons Who Tested Positive (5-Day Average)

LAST UPDATE: 05/17/2020



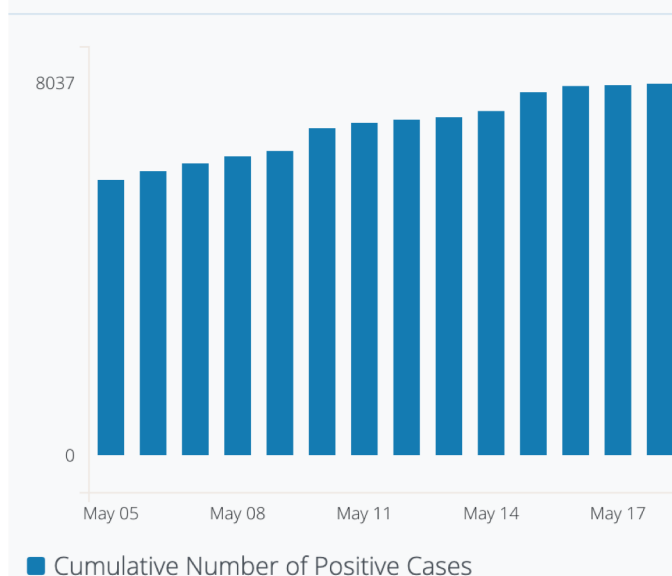
New Positive Cases (5-Day Average)

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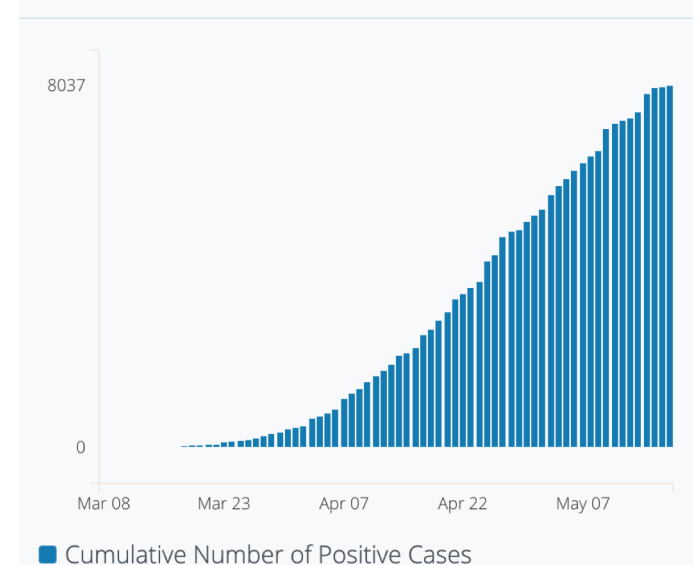
Cumulative Number of Positive Cases

LAST 14 DAYS



Cumulative Number of Positive Cases

LAST UPDATE: 05/18/2020



View more data: de.gov/healthycommunity

COVID-19 Data Dashboard

Delaware's Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Inventory Status



View more data: de.gov/healthycommunity

**HEALTHY
COMMUNITY**



**HEALTHY
ECONOMY**

We need both

Rolling Reopening:

ALL RETAIL

**to open by
appointment
only**

Effective May 20 at 8:00 a.m.

[de.gov/economy](https://www.de.gov/economy)

Rolling Reopening:

**Restaurants can
apply to expand
outdoor seating
effective June 1**

*Applications to apply will be
available May 22*

Additional Interim Steps

AS WE APPROACH PHASE 1 (June 1)

Effective May 8 – 8:00 a.m.

Small business retailers allowed to do business using curbside pickup as long as social distancing can be maintained.

Additional stores may do business by appointment only.

Cosmetology: Hair care services only are permitted to be offered, **and only to workers at essential businesses. Hair care providers must follow new guidelines.**

Golf carts allowed at courses for 1 rider at a time **with proper cleaning between customers.**

Drive-in movies are permitted, but patrons must remain inside vehicles and social distancing must be maintained at all times.

Effective May 20 – 8:00 a.m.

ALL retail can operate by appointment only

Restaurants can apply to expand outdoor seating for June 1 opening

- **Applications available May 22**

All Phase 1 Industry Guidance must be followed

Dr. Karyl Rattay

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Delaware Division of Public Health

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Elective Medical Procedures

Licensed health care facilities and health care providers may resume:

- **CMS Tier 2** elective and non-urgent medical procedures and appointments
- **CMS Tier 1** procedures *as long as they can meet certain conditions*

Elective Medical Procedures

CMS Tier 2 Procedures:

- Pediatric vaccinations
- Newborn/early childhood care
- Follow-up visits for managing existing medical or mental/behavioral health conditions
- Evaluation of new symptoms in an established patient

Elective Medical Procedures

CMS Tier 1 Procedures:

- Routine primary or specialty care services like preventive care visit/screening or annual wellness visits.

Elective Medical Procedures

**Telehealth options
encouraged**

for initial evaluation and to
decide appropriate course
of action for patient

Elective Medical Procedures

Requirement for practice to offer non-urgent appointments and procedures:

2-week supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff/patients

Elective Medical Procedures

Reminder:

**Do not wait to
seek medical care**

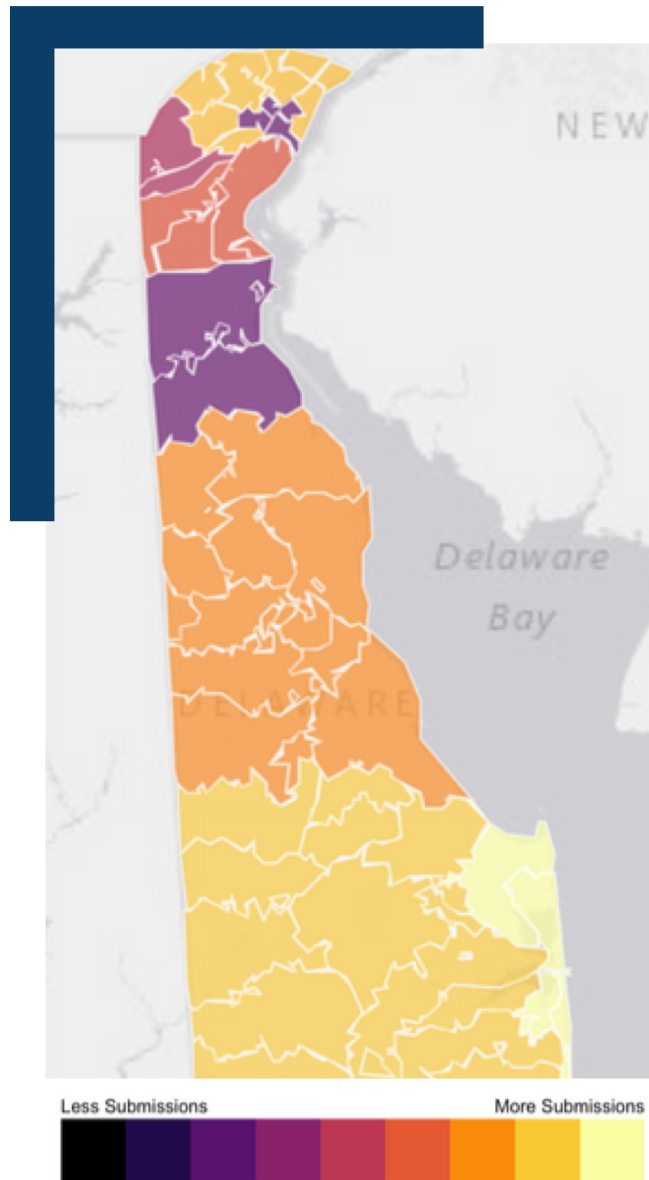


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Small Business Feedback



11 Virtual Town Halls

- Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long
- Members of the General Assembly
- Delaware Prosperity Partnership
- Delaware Division of Small Business

Received feedback from small business owners and the public

Three Parts to Phase 1

GENERAL GUIDANCE

For individuals and businesses

INDUSTRY GUIDANCE

For specific businesses within a particular industry

INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS GUIDANCE

Specific guidance businesses may seek out on a case-by-case basis

Reopening DE's Economy

PHASE 1: Individuals

- **Cloth face coverings must be worn** in public when you cannot maintain physical distancing
- **Regularly wash hands** per Division of Public Health guidance
- **Stay home** if sick
- **AT ALL TIMES, maximize physical distance from others outside of household and remain 6 feet apart**
- **Avoid social settings of more than 10 people** where appropriate distancing may not be practical
- **Strict occupancy limits** to ensure safe physical distance; ***limit is 30% of fire code occupancy if not specified by industry (excluding staff)***
- **Interstate travel restrictions and 14-day self-quarantine requirements** remain in place.
- **Non-essential travel** should be avoided
- **VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS** should shelter in place. Precautions should be taken to isolate from vulnerable residents in same households

Reopening DE's Economy

PHASE 1: Businesses

- **Close COMMON AREAS** or enforce **strict social distancing** protocols
- **Employees and customers have a responsibility to self-quarantine** if ill or may have come into contact with COVID-19.
- Employees who are **symptomatic must not physically return to work until cleared** by DPH or medical provider.
- **Encourage working from home** whenever possible
- **Frequently disinfected commonly touched surfaces** using an EPA-approved disinfectant every 15 minutes to 2 hours
- **Perform a daily health check** as prescribed by the Delaware Division of Public Health if required to go to work.

Reopening DE's Economy

PHASE 1: Businesses (Cont.)

- **Hand sanitizer or handwashing stations must be readily available** for all employees and customers.
- **Wash hands regularly with soap and water throughout the work day.** Supplement with hand sanitizer.
- **Employees must social distance from each other while working** (*spacing or moving workstations, staggering shifts or other means*)
- Give downtime **between shifts and after closing for thorough cleanings** of establishment at a minimum after each day.
- Post signs: **how to stop the spread of COVID-19, hand hygiene, and properly wear a cloth face covering.**



Staff wears mandated
face coverings



Staff washes or sanitizes
their hands regularly



Staff disinfects often
touched surfaces



Business has closed
common areas



Staff checks health daily
before coming in



Business follows all other
industry-specific rules



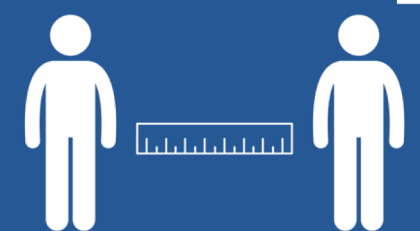
Staff stays home when
sick or possibly sick



Staff that can work from
home is doing so



Business makes sanitizer
available to all customers



Staff works as socially
distant as possible

Window Cling



This business follows Delaware's

COVID-19

Customer Protection Standards

Delaware
DIVISION OF SMALL BUSINESS

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For more information on the standards, visit delbiz.com/coronavirus



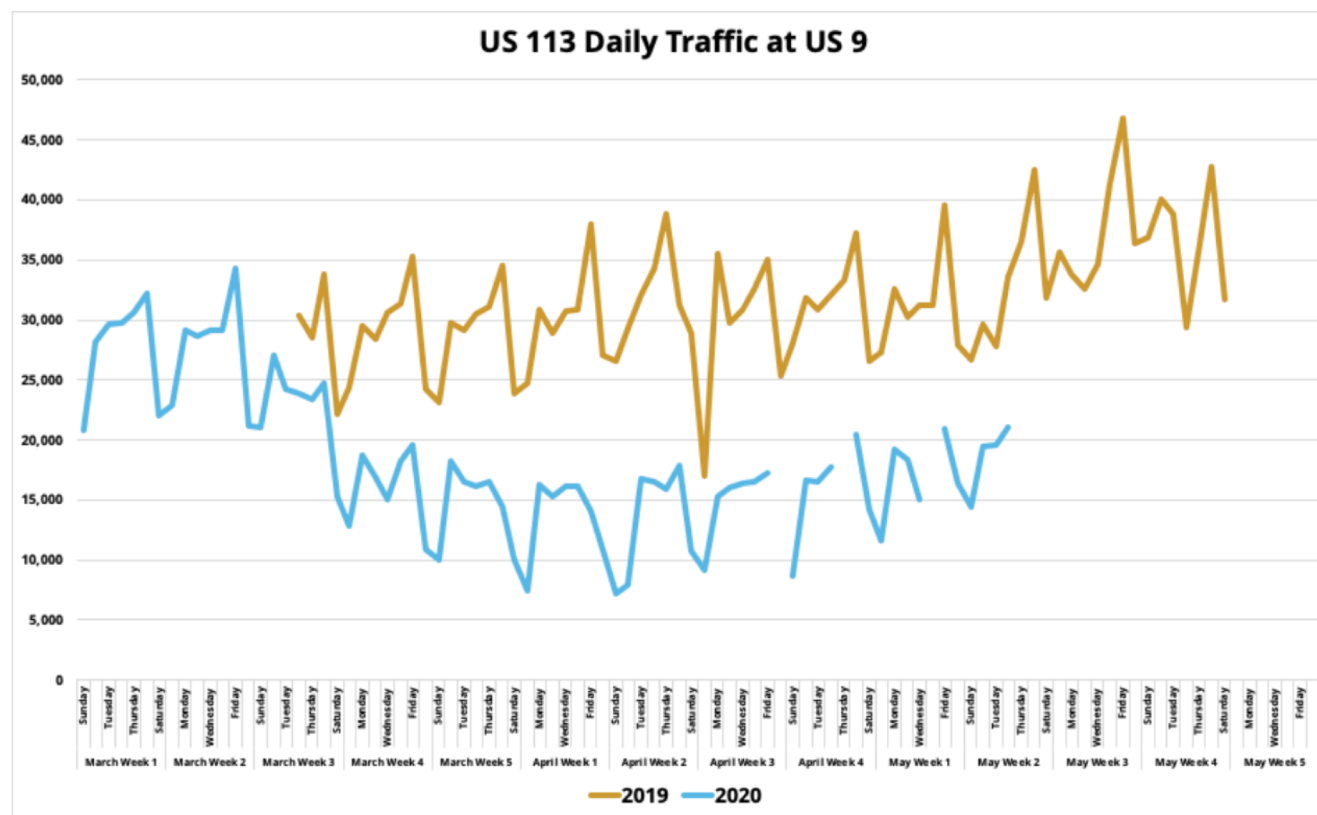
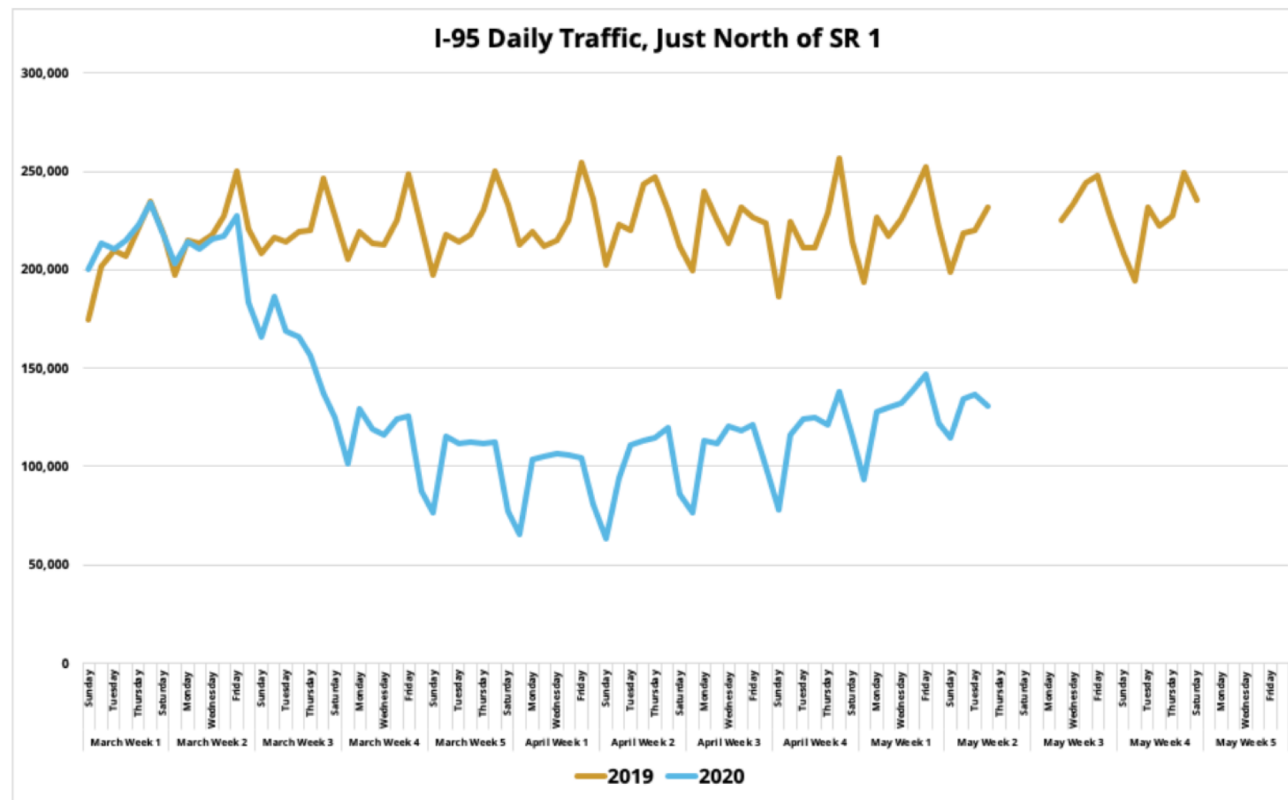
Secretary Jennifer Cohan

**Delaware Department of
Transportation**

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Traffic Data

**Decreased
traffic on
Delaware
roadways during
stay-at-home
order**



Construction Acceleration

SR 1 Paving

- Original completion was scheduled for Fall 2020
- Now will be completed in early June due to lower traffic volumes and expanded work hours

Christina River Bridge and Approaches

- A multi-week closure of Walnut Street allowed project schedule to be reduced by three weeks and will be completed the project this summer

SR 141, I-95 to Jay Drive

- Additional lane closures on SR 141 during the months of April and May eliminated some planned weekend closures and advanced project ahead by several weeks

Construction Acceleration

Main Street in Newark

- Original completion was scheduled for July 2020
- Extended closures to accelerate work and final paving is currently underway and will be completed by end of May

US 113/Wood Branch Left-Turn Lane Extension

- Contractor worked extended daytime hours to complete this project two weeks ahead of schedule

SR 1/SR 5 Intersection Improvements

- Contractor worked extended daytime hours and project will be complete one week ahead of schedule

Wilmington Transit Center



**Opened for service
on Sunday, 5/17**

**Serving 24 routes
in and around
Wilmington**



We're in this together.

- Stay home.
- Wash your hands.
- Wear a face covering.
- Practice social distancing.
- **Protect your neighbors.**

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